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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - STATUS REPORT ON SCHEDULE FILINGS

REF: A) STATE 247583; B) ROME 14255; C) STATE 2296;
D) ROME 184; E) ROME 1662; F) ROME 2126

1. IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN AVOID UNNECESSARY CIVAIR FRIC-
TIONS WITH GOI, WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO REVIEW STATUS
OF AIRLINE SCHEDULES FILED FOR 1973-74 WINTER SEASON AND
FOR UPCOMING SUMMER SEASON.

A. REVISED WINTER SCHEDULES: AFTER PAA/TWA/ALITALIA
AGREED ON WINTER SCHEDULE REDUCTIONS AT DECEMBER 14,
1973 TALKS IN WASHINGTON (REF A), THE MFA INDICATED THAT IT
WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR USG TO FILE THE NEW WINTER SCHED-
ULES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (REF B). PAA AT THAT TIME PLANNED
TO DROP ITS THREE ROUNDTRIP ALL-CARGO SERVICES, (AND DID
IN FACT SUSPEND THEM TEMPORARILY), BUT THIS REDUCTION DID
NOT APPEAR IN THE PUBLISHED VERSION OF THE INTERAIRLINE
AGREEMENT AS APPROVED BY THE CAB. IS OUR ASSUMPTION COR-
RECT THAT THE REVISED WINTER SCHEDULES FOR PAA AND TWA
FILED WITH THE MFA ON JANUARY 4, (REFS C AND D) INCLUDED
THESE ALL-CARGO SERVICES, (SINCE PAA REINSTATED 2 EASTBOUND

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AND 3 WESTBOUND ALL-CARGO SERVICES IN FEBRUARY)?

B. 1974 SUMMER SCHEDULES: UNDER THE U.S. INTERPRETATION OF 1970 MOU, WE WERE NOT OBLIGATED IN JANUARY TO FILE

SUMMER SCHEDULES, SINCE THE U.S. AIRLINES WERE NOT PLANNING ANY CAPACITY INCREASES. HOWEVER, WHEN THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SUMMER SCHEDULES WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN FILED UNDER THE 1970 MOU, THE MFA WAS STILL INSISTING ON EX POST FACTO REVIEW OF THE 1973 SUMMER OPERATIONS AFTER PAA/TWA/ALITALIA REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE 1974 SUMMER SCHEDULES, IN ROME ON JANUARY 24, THE MFA AGREED TO FOREGO THE EX POST FACTO CONSULTATIONS, BUT REQUESTED COPIES OF U.S. AIRLINES' SUMMER SCHEDULES, PLUS WRITTEN ASSURANCES BY USG THAT US AIRLINES' 1974 SUMMER CAPACITY WOULD NOT EXCEED THE 1973 SUMMER CAPACITY (REF E AND F). IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SCHEDULES PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY BY AIRLINE REPS DID NOT REFLECT THE REDUCTIONS IN THE NEW YORK AND ROME/MILAN MARKETS AGREED AT THE INTERAIRLINE MEETING, SINCE, ACCORDING TO TWA IN WASHINGTON, THE TWA SCHEDULES PROVIDED TO EMBASSY ARE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THE 1973 SUMMER SCHEDULES. IN ADDITION, A TWA DAILY NONSTOP 747 U.S.-MILAN SERVICE AGREED AT THE INTERAIRLINE MEETING AND RECORDED IN SCHEDULES PROVIDED TO EMBASSY WILL BE CHANGED ON MAY 1 TO A DAILY 707 NONSTOP AND DAILY 707 ONE-STOP, WHICH WILL RESULT IN FURTHER REDUCTION IN CAPACITY.

2. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REVIEW THE FOREGOING WITH U.S. AIRLINE REPS, AND TAKE ANY STEPS DEEMED NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT THE GOI HAS THE CORRECT SCHEDULE INFORMATION. ALSO PLEASE FORWARD COPIES OF WINTER AND SUMMER SCHEDULES FILED WITH MFA. RUSH

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